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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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> Application No. 09/961,234 Technology Center 2100

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#### ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 2, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

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## EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on September 22, 2009. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application be returned to the Examiner:

- 1) consider the Reply Brief filed September 22, 2009 as indicated above; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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